



East Coast Drill Instructors 28th Annual Reunion

The bustling Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, S.C., in addition to the daily non-stop regimen of recruit training, is frequently the destination of point for a myriad of Marine related activities, such as reunions, group visits, tournaments, etc., and of course, the weekly Friday recruit platoon graduation ceremonies.

But, after witnessing another gratifying event of a truly unique nature, it can accurately be said that probably no other event stirs as much excitement and drama as the annual Drill Instructor Reunion hosted by their East Coast brethren. When these “old salts” - former drill instructors, almost all of them combat veterans and retired senior N.C.O. career Marines (some younger active duty D.I.s were also in attendance) - get together, it is an occasion worthy to witness and behold. Respect and nostalgia (and an occasional dose of good humor) are the order of the day as they proceed through their schedule of events.

April 9-11, 120 former Parris Island drill instructors, many of them accompanied by family and friends, and led by current East Coast president Ken Miller, crossed the causeway onto the fabled Marine Corps base and began their 28th annual reunion. They ranged in age from the middle 50s up to 95 and their total service to the Marine Corps would require a mathematics major to accurately calculate (let's just say it's a large number). Many years ago, an observant war correspondent, watching a detachment of Marines make a successful onshore landing against an outclassed opponent remarked, “The Marines have landed and they have the situation well in hand!”

Fast forward to the recent 28th reunion held at Parris Island, the former stomping grounds of the campaign cover/duty belt wearing in-your-face Leatherneck D.I. brigade, and you could make the same “well in hand” observation, but this time it was in a modern and friendly environment.

First, some well-deserved recognition about current Parris Island president Ken Miller. This is his 6th year as the Chapter's hard working president. He served on active duty in the Corps for 25 years while attaining the rank of SgtMaj, and is a combat veteran of both Vietnam and Iraq. As a drill instructor, he went up through the D.I. ranks, attaining the advanced assignment of Series Gunnery Sergeant. “Loved every minute of it,” he replied.

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The Drill Instructor monument at Parris Island, SC



SgtMaj Ronald Green, 18th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, and SgtMaj Angela Maness, SgtMajor Parris Island Recruit Depot attended the picnic.

From The Editor: Those Memorable DIs

The summer is almost over, and the combination of the hot sun and Ron Lauretti's cover story only reminds me of one thing—the summer of 1999. That, my friends, is when I lived under the oppressive heat and oppressive stares of drill instructors at MCRD Parris Island.

I never spent time as a drill instructor, but anyone who has ever stepped on the yellow footprints as a recruit at Parris Island knows how much a DI can influence your life. Some of their words and actions stay with you for the rest of your life.

I did things that I never even imagined I could do, and there were women there (despite what recruits initially think) who wanted me to succeed. I lost my fear of heights and gained self-confidence.

The Crucible built my confidence even more.

When DI Sgt. Best (now MSgt McIntyre, Retired) placed the Eagle, Globe and Anchor in my hand, I knew that every chal-



Parris Island, 1999: (Then) Private Wanda Jones with (then) DI Sgt. Best.

lenge, every visit to the quarterdeck and the pit, and every bite from those sand fleas was worth it.

When I spoke to Mr. Lauretti on the phone, he told me that there were not a

lot of women drill instructors in attendance at the East Coast Drill Instructors Association reunion.

If you are or were a DI and would like to join this wonderful organization, go to <http://www.parrislanddi.org/> and sign up.

Convention in Portland is less than a year away! Our Board of Directors recently met for the Interim Board Meeting there and it looks like the accommodations are top notch. (What else should we expect?).

Information on registration can be found on page 8 of this issue and there will be more information published in the coming months.

Enjoy this issue and remember, I am always open to hear your story ideas. The next deadline is October 15.

Semper Fi,

*Wanda Antoine, Editor
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President's Message: Photos of Summer 2015



OOHRAH!

Here are some photos taken at various WMA events this past summer. The President's Message will return in the next issue of *'Nouncements*.

Betty Moseley-Brown
WMA National President



President Betty Moseley-Brown and Administrative Support Contractor Erin Holvoet at the IBM.

Immediate Past President Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower takes a minute to smell the roses during a break at the Interim Board Meeting in Portland. *Photo courtesy of Rhonda LeBrescu-Amtower*



(Left to right) Babs Meairs, Charlene Itchkawich, Patricia Singer, Lorraine Chamberlain and the "Birthday Queen" at Camp Pendleton on July 10.

Committee members getting ready to enjoy a meal at the Red Lion Hotel, Jantzen Beach.



3rd Vice President Betty Cook and her furry friend at the IBM.



Board members pose for a group portrait in front of the Red Lion Hotel.

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Recognition and Awards - Moving into the 21st Century

WMA has a convention coming up in 2016 and I would like to share some good news with all of our members. First, the BOD held its semiannual Interim Board Meeting (IBM) in Portland, OR during the weekend of 31 Jul - 2 Aug. We conducted a great deal of business to include processing of several significant SOP changes. The one I would like to address in this article involves the new rules concerning Recognition and Awards entries. In the past, chapters prepared Chapter History Books and Chapter Achievement Submissions that covered the chapter's achievements over the two year period between conventions. These documents were prepared using whatever methods the chapter had available. We have now opened both categories so that chapters can prepare their submissions using online tools such as MixBook or Shutterfly. Remember to



label all photos and events with the Who, What, When, Where and Why because that requirement has not changed. This allows the chapters to work online to prepare their submissions and when it is time to submit, print one copy of the completed book and send it to the R&A Committee for judging. It also makes it super easy to fix small problems like typos without having to redo complete pages. Chapters can use these online tools to generate their History Book submission AND their Chapter Achievement submission. Do not print your submission any larger than an 8 1/2 x 11 inch document.

Chapter Achievement has been updated as well to make the input process easier. Chapter Achievement used to have three categories labeled A, B and C and each category had specific tasks that qualified for submission within that category. For many of us, this was very confusing. We have now combined all the categories into one easy to use category and chap-

ters can submit entries for any or all of them. We did retain the class breakout because it allows chapters to compete with other chapters of similar size (Small is 5-20 members, Medium is 21-45 members, and Large is 46+ members). Awards will be given to winners within each class. All of the R&A requirements will be updated and published in the next 'Nouncements, but you can begin preparing your entries on your favorite online tool if desired. If you have been to previous conventions and wondered why some chapter flags have lots of streamers and others have almost none, it is because those chapters entered the Recognition & Awards competition at previous conventions and were winners. Help your chapter become a winner as well - enter the R&A competition. Show us all what wonderful things our members are doing for our veterans.

Semper Fidelis,

Kathy Wright
1st Vice President

2nd Vice President: Can We Count on Your Help?

As you read this, your Board is meeting in Portland at the Convention site to conduct the business of the Association and check out the 2016 Convention. During the Interim Board Meeting (IBM) held on the odd years when there is no Convention, the Board will hear about the plans for the 2016 Convention, work on SOP changes, updates from all the various committees and hear a little about plans for our 2018 Convention which will be celebrating 100 years of women in the Marine Corps.

The time is fast approaching when the Women Marines Association (WMA) will begin accepting nominations for National office positions for the 2016-



2018 term. **The nomination period for National Officer and Board positions opens January 2, 2016 and closes March 15, 2016.** All National Officer positions are listed in the RM&D. If you, or anyone else, need more information about any positions, please contact me and I'll be happy to provide a job description sheet. All positions on the Board are open

to any member of WMA in good standing. Good standing means your dues are up to date at the time of nomination. Members may either nominate someone or themselves for any elected position. The nomination form will be published on the web site and on Facebook. It is also in this issue.

Part of the election season is getting bids submitted for the 2020 Convention. The 2020 National Convention will be held in Region 2 which consists of Areas 5 and 6 plus NE, SD, ND, and IL. If you are interested in hosting the Convention, submit your bid to host the 2020 National Convention no later than March 15, 2016.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at Nominate@womenmarines.org.

Exciting times are ahead for WMA! Can we count on your help? The work is very rewarding and fun! Come be part of the future of our great organization.

Kathy Sheppard
2nd Vice President

Drill Instructors Reunited at PISC

Ken is the first to thank his reunion committee for their annual assistance. Another key helper is his wife, Mary; she is the secretary/treasurer of the Association. Every September 13th is a special day for the Millers- it is the day he graduated from boot camp in 1968 and also the same day the two of them then departed for nearby Beaufort, S.C., to get married.

The ECDIA does more than just hold annual reunions. Since its inception in 1986 it has provided assistance to other military and civic organizations, as budget allows. Leadership award plaques, for second and third places, are awarded to the Parris Island D.I. School students, a significant recognition for those enrolled in that intensive program.

Squad instructor of the Course Award at the D.I. School is another recognition. The Association also donates Quarterly Awards to the Senior Drill Instructor of the five Recruit Battalions and awards them one year's honorary membership in the ECDIA. Additionally, there is a monetary and one year honorary membership award to the Parris Island Drill Instructor of the Year recipient. And an annual Holiday Meals program at Thanksgiving by the Association completes their "full plate" of voluntary activities.



SgtMaj Ken Miller, USMC (Ret.) President ECDIA, and SgtMaj Gary Buck, USMC (Ret.), current Protocol Officer, P.I. Recruit Depot, at the picnic held at Elliott's Beach.

The busiest day for the Association was Friday, April 10th. After watching platoon graduation ceremonies on the very familiar and historic parade deck, the ECDIA members attended a brief but moving ceremony at the adjacent Drill Instructor monument.

Then it was a non-stop friendship renewing-picnic at Elliott's Beach, which included an auction of various Marine memorabilia, the ultimate prize being an Iwo Jima flagraising poster donated and autographed on-the-spot by legendary Iwo Jima veteran "Iron Mike" Mervosh himself.

In attendance for the picnic were honorary guests Ronald Green,

the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps and Angela Maness, the Sergeant Major of Parris Island Recruit Depot.

Later in the day, the group gathered at the Traditions Club, for a cadence calling contest followed by a long story telling session. Both retirees and active duty D.I.s entered the cadence calling contest and actually the "old salts", even though their larynxes had considerably more miles (and command shouts) on them, held their own against their younger brethren.

First, second and third places were officially awarded, but actually all participants deserved special recognition from the appreciative audience, and they got it. The story telling was hilarious and there wasn't a straight face in the room as they listened and laughed to some hilarious tales. And listened and laughed some more. It seems that an occasional rule had been stretched in the "old days", but no real harm done.



SgtMaj "Iron Mike" Mervosh, USMC (Ret.) and Sgt Dominic Tuatlo, USMC (Ret.) attended the banquet.

On Saturday, the four-day event came to an end with a moving and festive D.I. Banquet Dinner.

After a solemn Fallen Comrade Ceremony, the Parris Island Band launched the evening in grand style with a rousing medley of patriotic music.

Following an excellent meal, the guest speaker was Sergeant Major John V. Browne, USMC (Ret). All ears remained attentively tuned in as he gave an excellent presentation about the importance of training, discipline and leadership, all which the former drill instructors subscribed to without failure during his thirty years of valuable service to Corps and Country.

Association president Ken Miller then closed the evening and wished everybody God-speed on their return trips home. And extended an early invitation to attend next year's reunion.

Roger that, all you ECDIA Marines!

Submitted by Ronald Lauretti,

This story was first published in The Skinnie magazine.

Ron Lauretti is a Marine turned writer, who served from 1952-1960.



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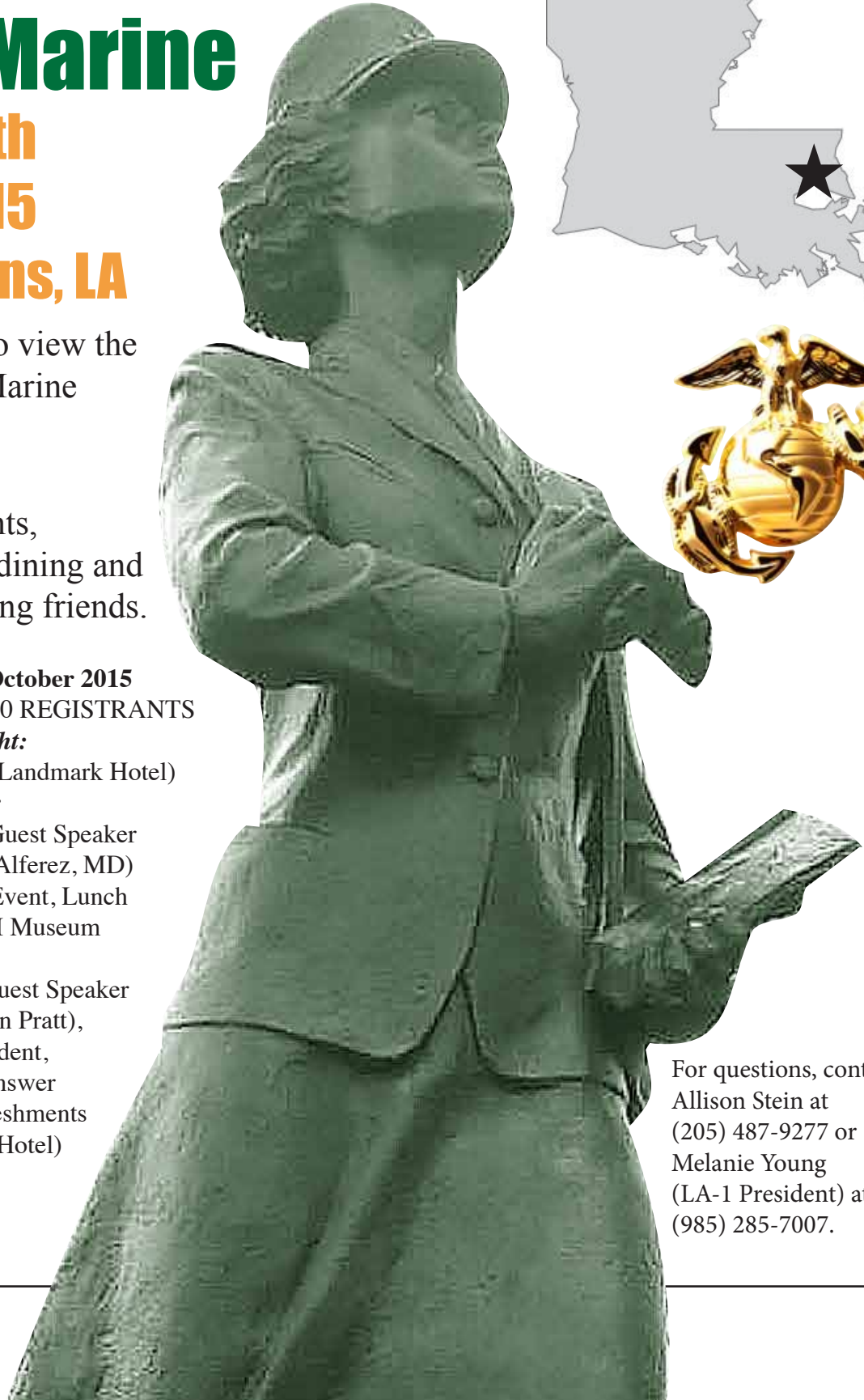
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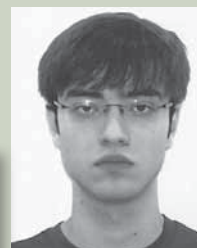


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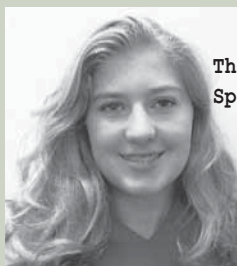


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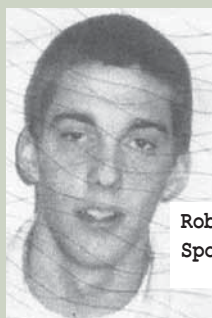
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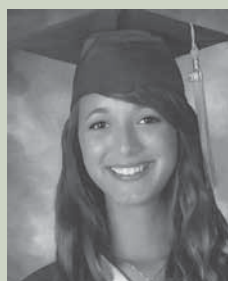
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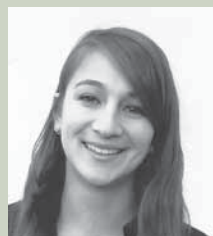
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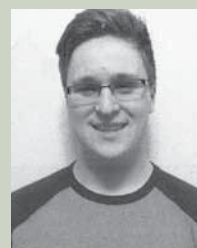
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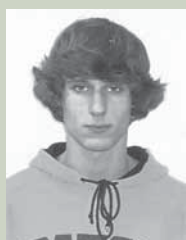
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WMA CO-1 Supports Funding of New Colorado Regional Medical Center for Veterans

WMA CO-1 is in the leadership group of veterans organizations working to get the VA Regional Medical Center in Aurora, CO. The group met with Senator Cory Gardner on June 19th, and has met with Deputy Secretary Gibson, Senator Michael Bennett and the Colorado Congressional delegation as well. Congressman Mike Coffman (CO) heads the committee that has oversight over the VA.

This medical center will service veterans from all over the country, not just Colorado. The spinal cord injury unit is to be "state of the art" and available to all in the VA system. The research center will help veterans and medical research worldwide.

Currently plans involve the VA looking for ways to pay for the project out of their current budget. The Medical Center construction is funded through September and everyone involved is working to complete

the funding issue. The United Veterans Committee of Colorado consists of over 60 VSO organizations and over 100 veteran centric organizations. WMA CO-1 has played a leadership role for over 20

We also want to ensure that the funding does not take away from any other veteran funding in the country.

This is a non-partisan issue relative to every member of WMA does not affect our 501 (c)3 standing with IRS to do so. It falls under two of our purposes...“(3) To counsel, assist and mutually promote the welfare and wellbeing of elderly, disabled, and needy women Marine veterans, as well as women serving in the Marine Corps; “and “(5)

To promote the civic and social welfare of the community;”.

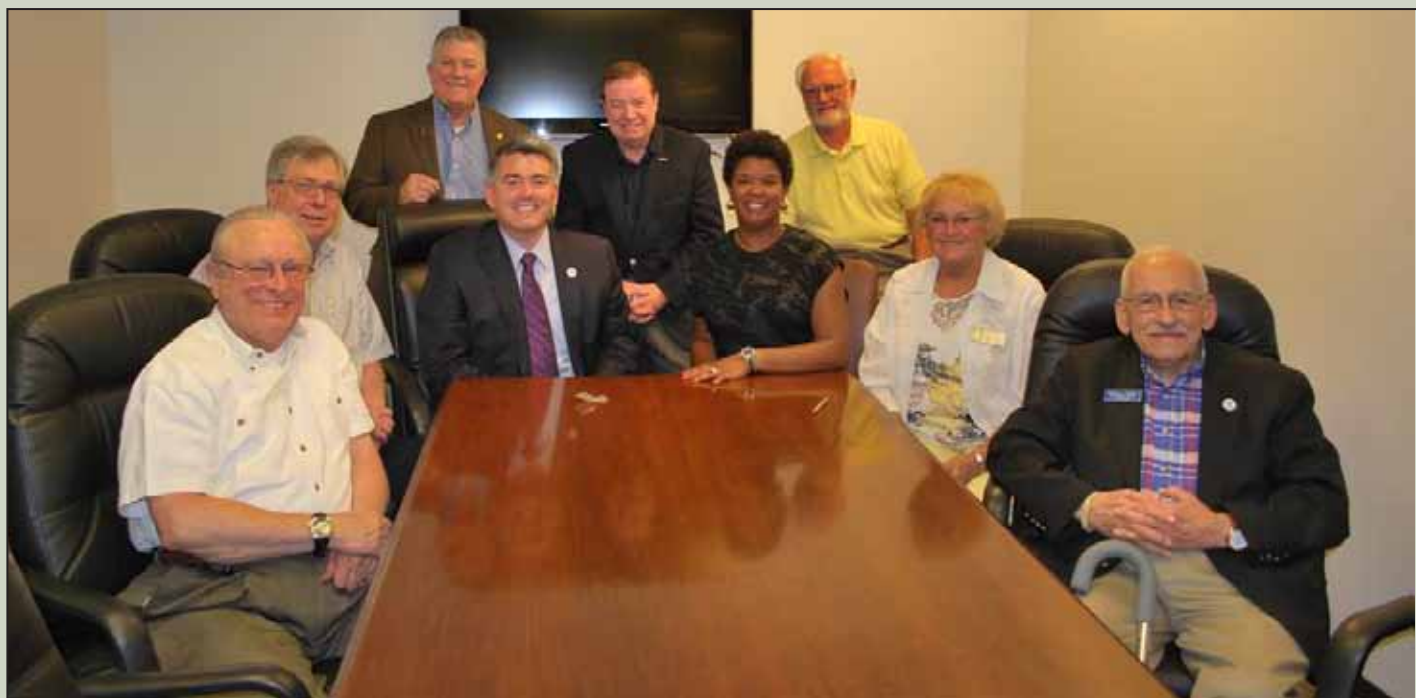
Thank you for helping with this worthwhile cause to provide medical care and longevity care to our veterans.

Paula Sarlls
WMA CO-1 President
Past National President

WE IN CO-1 ARE ALL ASKING OUR WMA MEMBERS NATIONWIDE TO CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATES AND ASK THEM TO FUND THIS PROJECT THROUGH ITS COMPLETION...

years with the organization starting with longstanding WMA member Wilma Killingsworth who encouraged this author, her successor to do the same.

We in CO-1 are all asking our WMA members nationwide (as is are the other 60 some VSO organizations) to contact your Congressional delegates and ask them to fund this project through its completion and pass meaningful reforms to prevent the same situation from happening again.



(l to r) Front row - Jay Bobick (Jewish War Veterans), Gary Force (American Legion), Senator Cory Gardner, Leanne Wheeler (Wheeler Advisory & Army vet), Paula Sarlls (WMA PNP), Marvin Myers (Jewish War Veterans) Back Row - Ralph Bozella (American Legion), Frank McCurdy (American Legion), Bill Hanna (United Veterans Committee of Colorado lobbyist).

WMA Chapter Clippings

CA-5 Orange County

This Memorial Day saw ten of our chapter members participating in the Tri-City Memorial Day Rites at the Santa Ana Cemetery, Santa Ana, CA. The cemetery is renowned for being home to Civil War Soldiers. These rites have been celebrated for 100-years. Our chapter has participated at least 7-times since 1986.

Mary Ann Rogers (Immediate Past President) and Eileen Sampson (Secy) carried the Chapter banner and Old Glory in the marched procession to front and center where the colors were posted for the duration of the ceremony. Towards the conclusion of the rites Carlene Wojciechowski (VP) and Laura Moore (Carlene's April 11th chapter "recruit" member) marched in a second massed procession to the Soldier's Monument at the flag area, and laid a large floral cross, from the chapter, in remembrance of all the deceased military members. We are pleased to say that both "sets" of our chapter ladies stayed in step, stood tall and did us proud all the way!

Mary Ann Rogers (IPP), Carlene Wojciechowski (VP), Eileen Sampson (Secy), Sonia Gryske (Treas), Patricia Singer (Chaplain), Beverly Daugherty (Chaplain), Gerry Czarnecki (CA-5 Charter Member 1966), Penny Prengschat, June Maxfield, Laura Moore, plus our Chapter Champions Renick Sampson, Mike Moore, Don Smith, Maggie Perales, Marilyn Merz and Carolyn Johnson represented CA-5 to honor those that now rest in their sacred spaces.

We were in awe at the respect displayed at this event. There were about 400-people in attendance. Some in the uniforms of the Union and Confederate Armies. There were three working cannons. They were fired and the salvos were so loud that they set off every car alarm parked in the cemetery and on the streets.

There were three fly-bys of four old propeller-driven war birds. First to pass was in a diamond pattern, second "Missing Man" and third wing-to-wing. Their precision was perfect.

For the first time, a Marine Honor Guard was invited to render a 21-gun salute. From Camp Pendleton, these seven Marines were what we would proudly identify as "Picture Perfect Poster Marines" in presentation, poise and appearance.

The Memorial Day Committee informed us that the marine honor guard would be invited each year from now on. Our Chapter would like to think that maybe we had a small part of influencing the Committee that all of we Marines are wonderful.

CA-5 was further dazzled by CA-2 and their special celebration of "Leading Ladies" (90+) of WMA, 20 June 2015 in San Diego,



(Left to right) Eileen Sampson, Rita Stonebraker (90+), "Tippy" Paine (90+), Patricia Singer and Ellie Fox

CA at the Admiral Baker Country Club. We went with our two Grande Dames, Rita Stonebraker (CA-5 Pres '82-'84), and "Tippy" Paine (mom of Eileen Sampson) and we not so Grand Dames (-90), Ellie Fox, Patricia Singer and our "limo" driver Eileen Sampson.

This event was simply wonderful with its wide swath of WMA sisterhood...CA-2, CA-5 and CA-7 members and the icing on the proverbial cake was that MI-2 contributed WMA gift bags for the "Leading Ladies."

Unity and celebrating was what it was all about. These spectacular women of CA-2, Maria Rodriguez Callejas, Angelique Murray, Mikki Hurst, plus all those helping hands behind the scenes that created and carried out this grand production are so appreciated and admired by CA-5. Brava CA-2!

The Women Veterans Event at the VA out-patient facility in Oceanside, CA, 10 July 2015, was an eye opener for CA-5's Carlene Wojciechowski and Patricia Singer.

Dr. Betty Moseley Brown, National President of WMA, was the keynote speaker. What a presentation. We women Marines made a most respectable number in the group of participants...approximately 20 Marines... and maybe 80 of the "others." Our members were from CA-2, CA-3, CA-5, CA-7, CA-8, CA-11, CA-29 and the President's home chapter. Another interesting aspect of the 20-Marines was that four of them were chaplains: Patricia Singer CA-5; Charlene Itchkawich CA-7; Lorraine Chamberlain CA-29; and Babs Meairs MCRD Museum Historical Society. Our "holy ladies" really like to keep in touch and to reach out.

Not only did we celebrate women vets, we celebrated the "Birthday Queen's" 55th birthday...Betty Moseley Brown. She told us that we can never forget her birth year, "I arrived only a few days before the birth of WMA in 1960." She was in her glory with birthday cakes, candles and an outrageous tiara and being serenaded by 19 voices, in tune, singing the "birthday song."

Women Veterans Event, WMA participants. We are wonderful!

Patricia Singer

CA-7 Edith Macias Vann So. California

This summer has been going great and full of activities for our members.

For the Memorial Day observance, CA-7 members participated in or attended various events. Our Barbara Cogburn was the Mistress of Ceremonies at the Memorial Day Ceremony held at the Veteran's Association of North County (VANC) Center in Oceanside, CA. The ceremony was well attended and enjoyed by all as a time of remembrance, reflection, and connecting with fellow veterans, families, and supporters. Another member, MaryAnn Miller, was the keynote speaker at a ceremony held in San Clemente. She spoke of her assignment while in Afghanistan with the Female Engagement Team and being on patrol duty with the group when they were hit by an IED at a bazaar.

During our June meeting, two of our guests turned into new CA-7 members before the end of the meeting. Welcome to CA-7, Jeanie Huebner and Amanda Garza!!!

In celebration of Flag Day, our Norma Wohlfarth and her husband, Jerry (a Loyal Escort), went aboard the *USS Midway* in San Diego to participate in a program in which they were part of a videotaped interview on the Vietnam Era.

The interview will be sent to the Library of Congress for inclusion in their records. The program was sponsored by the Red, White, and Blue Society, Children of the American Revolution (CAR).

Some of the CA-7 ladies came together and formed a bowling team, Bowling w/o Balls. Lillian "Lee" Tusa, Kathy Kincaid, MaryAnn Miller, and an Army import, "Tex" Dobrowolski make up the team with Glynis Rates acting as a substitute bowler. We are currently participating in the Laughlin Holiday 2015 Bowling League. How are we doing? Well, at this moment, we are in 7th place (out of 20).



On 27 June, our chapter participated in the Oceanside Independence Day Parade. Our entry was one of 121 entries and it rained on our parade. About half-way through, we had a brief cool tropical rain shower. The ladies certainly did not

have to be concerned about getting sunburned. Of course, some of our Loyal Escorts were on hand to support our participation - Ken Cross, Dennis Kovats, and Rob Young. After the parade, a picnic was held at the VANC Center.

Our members continue to support our local veteran community. Gail Hanna serves as a WMA certified representative on the local Regional VAVS (Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service) Advisory Committee along with Babs Meairs, Jackie McCoy, and Charlotte "Char" Conover serving as her deputies. At the VANC Center, Barbara Cogburn and Kathy Kincaid continue to play important roles in supporting the VANC Center to include Kathy recently taking on the additional responsibility as the Volunteer Coordinator for the program established to provide and support volunteers that greet visitors and point them to the right resources to receive the services they need.

Glynis Rates

Charlene Itchkawich

CA-8 Palms to Pines

Dixie Forrest, one of our *loyalest* Loyal Escorts, passed away in June. She was CA-8 Chaplain. She was buried at Riverside National Cemetery next to her husband. She enjoyed being a part of CA-8 as much as we enjoyed her. She loved the Women Marines and would have made a great Marine. We will miss her.

CA-8 would like to congratulate Jeanne Botwright for her induction into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. Long overdue.

Our guest speaker for May was Ann Duson, Founder/CEO for The Women Veterans Unity Group in Fontana, CA. They provide a continuum of resources to the female veteran community whether disabled, distressed or homeless.

Ann Duson served five years in the Army. She at one time found herself in need of services but found there was none for women, so she founded the Women Veterans Unity Group and coined the phrase *Shero to Shero*.

CA-8 would like to welcome Ann to our Loyal Escorts. We know she will be a great asset to our group. Welcome aboard.

Our guest speaker for June 20 was Marva X, coordinator for the Honor Flight-inland empire. Their mission is to fly as many veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to honor them. Top priority is given to WWII veterans, followed by Korean War and Vietnam War veterans. Marva's goal is to have a flight from California just for women.

We've had a number of big fires burning out of control in California. Some of our members live in the smoke area and have breathing problems. We thank God that we had rain and they have the fires contained. Everyone is OK

We are dark for the summer. Our next meeting will be in September. We hope to have a board meeting during our time off to set to set the agenda for the coming year. Have a happy and safe summer.

Sybl Acree

FL-6 Florida Gators

FL-6 has been busy enjoying each others company and visits from family and going to reunions.

May was a busy month with the Regional Conference for Area 3, Irene Toth, her friend and another Marine, Pat Kelly, Barbara Pinkston and myself made the trip to Orlando to the Regional

Conference. We all had a wonderful time visiting with other sister Marines and learning lots about the Women Marines Association. The event was attended by various national officers and a question and answer session was presented. We came away with a renewed appreciation for those in National and if you are interested in being one of these positions, please let them know. They are always looking for a few good women.

Memorial Day was attended by Joann Wallace, Ty Moulds, (standing) Barbara Pinkston, Carol Mayne and I. It was an awesome ceremony and the Gold Star parents that were in attendance who had lost their Marine was processed by Carol Mayne who was stationed at Dover during the time their son was KIA. Carol went to the family and let them know that she treated their son with the upmost respect as we all do for our brothers and sisters. They seem to take solace in knowing that.

July was celebrated with fireworks around this great country for the 4th! Happy Birthday USA. Looking forward to the rest of the year.

Semper fi,

Louise Tamayo



KY-1 Flying Colors



Proudly displaying the top to our cammie quilt project - L to Right Major Cherish Joostberns, Carolyn Woodson, Susan Vogedes, Brenda Moore and Mary Broussard.

Members have spent the last few months deconstructing camouflage uniforms to put together a quilt that we will soon be raffling off for our next project – sponsoring a scholarship for an active duty woman to attend the 2016 convention. Details of the raffle will be announced in the next issue of *Nouncements* and on the WMA Facebook page. We are conducting an essay contest to choose the winner of the scholarship. Details for the scholarship and an application are in a separate article in this issue.

Special thanks go to our area MCJROTCs for their donation of surveyed uniforms, to 4th BN Marines for donating cammie blouses and GySgt Ytuarte from PISC Community Services who donated his desert cammies to us for this project.

By the time this is in print, we will have celebrated Maj Cherish Joostberns' retirement. Her twilight tour was as Commanding Officer of the Military Entrance Processing Station in Louisville KY.

Mary Broussard

LA-1 Molly Marine

The month of May began with celebrating veterans at the 2nd Annual Veterans Festival at the Northshore Harbor Center in Slidell, LA on 16 May. It was a fun-filled day featuring food provided by several of the most popular restaurants in Slidell, crafts, a car show, amusement rides and entertainment provided by several local bands. Proceeds will go to the East St. Tammany Habitat for Humanity to help build homes for veterans. Members that supported this event were Vicki Haynes, Jennifer Koon-Fink, LtCol Victoria Kinsey, Dan Kinsey (LE), April Bell, Mary Draughn, Darlene Graves (LE), Theresa Bahe, Colleen Oltmann (LE) and Melanie Young.

The Wine Market, one of our favorite venues, was the location for our meeting on 20 June. The main focus of this meeting was tying up loose ends for the upcoming "Meet Molly Marine in 2015" event. The plans are all coming together very nicely, thanks to the committees involved. After the meeting we stayed to enjoy the Wine Market's delicious items on the lunch menu! Thirteen members, four loyal escorts and two guests were in attendance.

On 26 June, several members attended a going away party for LtCol Victoria Kinsey at Panchoes Mexican Restaurant in Terrytown, LA. Victoria transferred from Marine Forces Reserve to attend the Army War College. We will miss her enthusiasm and motivation. She let us know that she will be back to attend the "Meet Molly Marine in 2015" event! Members that attended to wish her well were Patricia Huttinger, Dalia Robles and SSgt Hideshi Dyer. Chili's Restaurant in Slidell, LA celebrated veterans on 30 June. Chili's was proud to partner with the St. Tammany Parish President's Veterans and Military Affairs Advisory Council and Wreaths Across America in honoring veterans laid to rest in Slidell's Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery.

By presenting a flyer to our server, 20% of our bill will be used to place evergreen wreaths upon each headstone during the 2nd Annual Remembrance Day Wreath-laying Ceremony on 12Dec. Members who gathered to dine at Chili's that evening were Terri Anderson, Lynn Franklin, Mary Draughn, Darlene Graves (LE), April Bell and Melanie Young.



On 18 July 2015, four chapter members, four Loyal Escorts and one guest, volunteered as Bingo Buddies for residents of the Memory Unit at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport, MS. Each volunteer assisted a resident with marking their Bingo cards until the big shout of "BINGO" was heard and the prize was awarded. Chapter members had almost as much fun as the residents during this event, as there was quite some competition! In the photograph are seated, Barbara Ruffin (LE), Patricia Huttinger. Standing is, Shynell Bennett (LE), Felix Romero (LE), Ashlyn Ruffin (Miss Ruffin's daughter), Deloris Romero, April Bell, Terri Anderson and Darlene Graves (LE).

Melanie L. Young

MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks

We are happy to hear of Chapter members being active no matter where they reside. Chapter member, Lisa A. Smith, now residing in Florida, had the honor of presenting the MCJROTC 2015 WMA Award to Cadet Abby Lapham in April 2015 at the Palm Bay Magnet High School, in Melbourne, FL. Sergeant Major Roy DeYoung, USMC (Retired) is the JROTC Instructor at Palm Bay Magnet High School.

On May 20, 2015, Arlene Duncan and Vicki Latiolais attended the annual awards ceremony at the Como Park Senior High School, located in St. Paul, Minnesota. Cadet Nijah Williams was the 2015 recipient of the Women Marines Association Award and Ribbon. Cadet Williams expressed an interest in being a K9 handler with the military police. Arlene has a special interest in the ROTC program as she has a niece in attendance at Como Park. Instructors are Major John Foley, USMC (Retired) and Sergeant Major James C. Kirkland, USMC (Retired).

More than 3,500 people attended the Memorial Day ceremonies at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery on May 25, 2015. Chapter Vice-President Liz Whitbeck was escorted by Loyal Escort Mary Frances Feiler in the opening procession of veterans groups along Mallon Road to the seating area. Liz had the pleasure of meeting, talking and posing with a group of WWII reenactors, Steve and Shelly Landgraf. Keynote speaker was Maj. Gen. (retired) Larry Shellito, commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs. U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar also spoke. The 34th Infantry Division (Red Bull) Band and Zuhrah Pipes and Drums group provided music.

On June 13, 2015, the chapter met at the home of Lorraine Morgan for their annual picnic. The location is ideal with great amenities. Since we enjoyed the food and camaraderie, we decided to meet at the same location and do it all over again on August 22, 2015. We welcomed new faces at the picnic, Michelle Livingston, a Marine that was in attendance at Ft. Snelling on Memorial Day and Kristi Chase and son. We hope to see them again at future Chapter events.

Please feel free to join MN-1 for any activity if you are in the area.

Vicki Latiolais

SC-2 True Grits



The Marine Corps League's SC State Convention was all abuzz as they experienced an all female Marine Color Guard. (L to R) Helen Breen, Trish Gallagher, Vonda Jones Sellers and Anne Ostapiej were honored to participate. Though rusty, we are all looking forward to perfecting the ceremony and continue, as needed, in events for the area Marines.

The Marines were also thankful to have worn the covers from the following fellow Marines, when a snafu prevented our covers arriving on time. Particularly humbling was the loan of Sue Sousa's cover, given to her by, a WWI Vet!

Eileen Scanlon, CWO4, USMC (Ret.) DC-1

Sue Sousa, Past National President, WMA DC-1

Eileen Skahill, SSgt, USMC, '67-'74

Arddy Farrell, FL-7 Chapter of the WMA

It was an honor to also represent all of you at the convention.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness. Semper Fi,

Anne Ostapiej

TX-2 Texas Gulf Coast

Finally the rain has stopped and things are getting back to normal on the Gulf Coast, which means hotter than hot or as the older Texans say "Too hot to spit".

Memorial Day was spent with the TX-2 members honoring a WWI Woman Marine named Lola Prince that was in an unmarked grave at the Forrest Park Lawndale Cemetery. We placed a dozen roses on the grave and surrounded it in American flags. Karen Beatty read, 'The Band of Sisters' and we sung and hummed the Marine's Hymn.

We are waiting for her official veteran grave marker for a future ceremony. Betty Huggins and Marti Raney went to Humble and Montgomery High Schools to hand out certificate and ribbons from the WMA to the honored JROTC recipients. On Saturday, May 30th, Betty Huggins and Marti Raney with her nephew, Alan, also helped remove the flags from veterans' graves at the Houston VA National Cemetery.



The summer meeting of TX-2 was held June 6th and seven members and one guest were present. It was a delicious, fun filled luncheon with food from Boston Market and solar powered butterflies on flowers donated by Marti Raney to all present. Judy Anderson called the meeting to order at 1130 and Guest Alan Raney lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Plans were made for the Meet Molly on October 9th and 10th in New Orleans and a discussion about participating in the Veteran's Day Parade in Houston.

We also are trying to get reservations to celebrate the Marine

Corps birthday this year at the Junior League in Houston, which is where our chapter originated.

Our newest member Karrii Billiard invited us to celebrate Veteran's Day in the parade in Angleton, TX also. The meeting was adjourned at 1300.

Safe travels to all, as you start your summer and if you're chilly, we got the heat in Texas!

Marti Raney

TX-2

TX-6 Gruene Marines

Although the Gruene Marines (TX-6) are one of the newest chapters in the Women Marines Association, the Marines in this chapter have been getting together for nearly two years.

This Independence Day, four members of the group -- Teri Campbell, Mindy Messinger, Roxanne Hickey and Kirsten Sultemeier -- represented their Marine Sisters in the Seguin (TX) Fourth of July Parade. Their entry earned the group an Honorable Mention Award in the Military Division.

Upcoming events include a family BBQ, the Comal County Fair Parade and something special for the Marine Corps Birthday.

Kirsten Sultemeier



Another CA-8 Gathering

(Back row, L to R) Jo Ann Walker, Army, Phyllis Porter, Ozell Barksdale, Cassandra Thompson-Jervis, Marines, Sharon A. Catlett, Army & Navy, Sybl Acree, Rosemary Abrego-Holmes, Johnnie Williams, Jade Dabney, Marines. (Front, from L) Diana Cowell, Soledad Kennedy, Marines (and Area 10 Director) and Helen Page, Loyal Escorts National Secretary.

Taps

"If the Army and the Navy ever look on Heaven's scenes, they will find the streets are guarded by United States Marines." (Third stanza of the Marines Hymn).

Remember today our sister, Cpl Sara Medina, who died while on active duty in Nepal in support of earthquake relief efforts.

Remember all of our sister Marines who have taken leave of this life to fulfill heaven's ranks. May their souls and the souls of all our departed sisters rest in peace.



Life Member		Membership No.
Attaya, M. Louise	6/28/15 TX-3	#1048
Bennett, Mary K. Kelly	5/22/15 MAL OR	#1494
Boyles, Gilda (Camarda)	4/29/15 MAL NJ	#2647
Fisher, Dorothy (Martinovich)	5/15/15 CA-5	#117
Goler, Marilyn (Friedman)	6/28/15 FL-2	#2608
Love, Melva (Rondeau)	6/20/15 MAL OR	#3511
Moreno, Anastasia	7/12/15 MAL APO	#2947
Rost, Annie	10/9/93 MAL ND	#1212
Workman, Elizabeth	6/13/15 OR-1	#809

Term Members

Callahan, Barbara (Wagner)	5/22/15 DC-1
Gaughan, Thelma (Ryan)	4/17/15 MAL NY
Stillwell, Phyllis (Slette)	3/14/14 MAL MT
Tarrant, Kathleen (Lundquist)	1/2/15 NY-3
Stewart, Monica (Glennon)	6/28/15 MAL FL

Chaplain's Corner: Tuning In, or Tuning Out

"This week the deacon at our church delivered a thought-provoking homily. He reflected on how ugly public discourse has become. He suggested that the method of delivery is what gets us to tune in or tune out. He is so right.

If we speak with an attitude or obvious bias or just go on endlessly trying to make our point, our perceived audience will simply shut down. I will go one step further and suggest that we stop



listening because we have our own preconceived notion of whatever the topic might be and/or are already framing our own response. I wonder how many times if we stay in the moment with an open heart, we might learn something, understand another point of view or (*GASP!*) even change our mind.

Mary Broussard

Apply for Matching Funds Available to WMA Chapters

The Matching Funds and Grants Committee of the WMA reviews and approves or disapproves matching funds requests from chapters who are using chapter resources to assist veterans. The Matching Funds application form is available in Appendix A of the WMA How To Book, along with matching funds examples.

Funds awarded to any chapter are limited to \$250.00 per chapter, per fiscal

year (1 July-30 June); and the funds to be matched must be used to provide services, supplies or equipment for military veterans. The term "matching" means that the chapter funds half of the expense, and WMA matches the amount paid by the chapter up to the annual maximum of \$250.00.

Matching funds applications and supporting documentation should be

emailed to mfg@womenmarines.org, or mailed to:

WMA MFG Committee
Suite 107111
11312 US 15-501 North
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Regards,

Catherine Barker

Appreciating Our History

Response to the “Did You Know?” information indicates it has been very popular for all generations of our WMA members, so here are a few more historical facts from the past.

Do you know?

- 80% of the United States Marine Corps Women’s Reserve came from 17 states and the District of Columbia with the remaining 20% of the USMCWR coming from the remaining 31 states? (These numbers reflect where they *enlisted* and we need to note that many had moved to war production job states before enlisting such as California, Washington, Michigan, etc. and do not show their original home state.)

- The age breakdown of women Marines in WWII

20-24 year olds accounted for	64%
25-29	25.2%
30-37	11.3%
38 and over	1.7%

- The Marine Corps was the last to form a women’s organization; the date of that historic signing was November 7, 1942. The Marine Corps then proceeded to quietly go about completing policies, procedures, uniform design and regulations, relating to the women before the February 13, 1943 announcement. This pre-planning and organization before public announcement proved highly successful, and numerous problems that had existed in our sister services failed to be problems



2ndLt Mary Rita Palowitch is taken to her final resting place on 13 June 1944.

within the USMCWR.

- Twenty-four women died on active duty in WWII, the worst disaster involving members of the USMCWR occurred at MCAS Cherry Point when a synthetic lab killed two women Marines and severely burned eight others. Numerous other-women sustained other injuries while at-

tempting to evacuate the building. Many male Marines and sailors were also injured and killed in this horrific event.

The safety code of WWII for buildings totally changed based on the investigation after the fire.

At issue was the lack of fire stairs, non-existent fire alarms in the building, lack of extinguishers, non-fire safe wiring, etc. that were allowed in the name of speed in construction of temporary buildings, this fire changed fire regulations and construction/fire codes forever. (Data provided by the files of Colonel Ruth Cheney Streeter).

An Amazing New Collection

Carolyn Settle Blackburn Collection

Carolyn had the unique opportunity to attend Boot camp at Camp Lejeune in 1943. While in boot camp, it was noticed that she held a college degree and that led to her graduating boot camp and a few days later starting OCS. Lt. Settle was then sent to Signal Supply in San Francisco where she spent the remainder of the war. When she thought she might like to go to Hawaii, her command was not willing to part with her.

She married a Marine, had a son and has never left the San Francisco /Northern California area. Carolyn has sent a most unique collection starting with small ceramic Hawaiian looking figure (quite naked) except for the WWII women’s bucket styled hat. Carolyn doesn’t remember how she got the figure, so I started researching and contacted the Bishop Museum in Hawaii. It was made by a rather famous artisan. The museum had seen some of the other male and female pieces but did not know a woman Marine existed.

Carolyn also included WWII brown leather officer’s gloves, a summer spruce green cover, WM WWII anniversary menus for 1946 and 1947. The 1947 one was a reunion luncheon held most likely in San Francisco of women Marines; A 1945 newspaper article by Col. Towle releasing the statement that no women would be held after the war, the decision had not yet been made to hold 200 women on active duty after WWII. These two hundred served until passage of the Women’s Integrated Service Act (June 1948) that gave women the right to serve; A WWII spruce green hat with fresh white cap cord and



Recruiting dolls made in 1952 by MSgt Sally Kochlefl to help recruiting efforts during the Korean War. The dolls were exhibited in department store windows and at Marine Recruiting Offices.

EGA was also included as were various buttons and books.

Another treasure was a photo of a series of dolls made for use in a recruiting office.

In 1952, Marine recruiter Sgt Sally Kochlefl made to detail a series of uniformed 30 in mannequins (these smaller dolls often used in store window and counter displays). Uniforms dolls wore included the gym suit, winter greens, dungaree uniform, summer whites and the summer pinstripe uniform.

One last off-duty civilian dressed doll was also included. Sgt. Kochlefl came up with the idea at PI while attending Recruiting School.

The sergeant dedicated the dolls to women Marines she had known including Lt. Settle in the summer dress white uniform.

Carolyn Settle Blackburn is an active 94 yr. old who is best known for her beloved and still used 1967 hot pink Mustang convertible (one of about 250 made).

Carolyn indicates the car draws people wherever she goes and that it’s 100% original.

(If you know Sally Kochlefl or what happened to the dolls, please contact Nancy Wilt).

Telling Our History

Just a small reminder that before we put out Marine stories on the various chapter, WMA or personal Internet sites that we need to *verify* what we are putting out for view by the public, our fellow Marines and other organizations is accurate.

A while back a chapter on their site put out a story on Opha May Johnson; unfortunately, they stated the Opha (first woman to take the oath as a Marine)

was 20 years old when she enlisted and then used the photo of another WWI woman Marine and stated she was Opha May Johnson.



Opha May Johnson

The accurate history is that Opha May Johnson, born in 1878, was 40 years old at the time of her enlistment.

The picture used was that of WWI Marine Marie O'Keefe, and while Marie was

considered to be an American beauty, she was not Opha Mae Johnson, as stated in the article. Opha at age 40 looked very much like a middle-aged lady of the early 1900's.

Recently, a story hit the blog that was a story told to a local newspaperman by a 90+ year old WWII woman Marine that (when read by others) raised a few hackles since the story targeted and brought discredit on Marine Colonel Gregory Boynton, Medal of Honor Recipient of WWII fame.

Once again, please verify anything that you publish or post online. If you have any questions, contact the WMA Historian.



Marie O'Keefe

States Marine Corps Women's Reserve stitched beautifully on them and they were worn on their left sleeve of their civilian suits. Problem solved.

June's most recent call brought out another interesting story. Colonel Streeter had been in a long meeting with a group of senior male Marine officers where she was being pushed to give the women Marines a (cute, catchy,) name like the WAC's or Waves. She returned to her office and requested that June and two other women Marines step into her office where she explained the issue and sought their viewpoint. One of the women stated that "she had joined to be a Marine, period". This must have been the opinion of Colonel Streeter because no more meetings on the issue developed nor did our name *Marine* ever change.

Transport to Hawaii WWII

Women Marines received word in late 1944 that legislation that would allow them overseas duty had been passed in Congress. The most notable restriction was that the women "must volunteer" for the assignment. Our women were selected based on guidance from our women Canadian allies that being our women could handle a seven day duty schedule, monotonous and dull assignments, under pressure and conditions of strain.

The draw of overseas duty, white sand

beaches, and palm trees resulted in thousands of volunteers for the lucky 1500 that would be sent to the islands. Once selected and provided extra training for the ocean voyage, the selected women were put on troop transport for the 5-8 day voyage to Oahu. Those on the transports soon realized that the ship names were normally blacked out or distorted and that no one had thought to add anything that women might be interested in during the trip. WMA's Mary Bacon Hale (now deceased) stated that she volunteered to type reports for the Marines and Navy staffs aboard to avoid boredom. Only so many games of cards were possible before boredom attacked.

One group of women became very creative in finding a new activity to beat the boredom. Boxing gear was readily available and the women tried their hand at it. Taking over the bow of the ship, with all males restricted aft on the ship, the women held their first "smoker". The photo attached of the women's "smoker" is the only one known but what a great piece of history to hold in the Women of the Corps Collection.

Semper Fidelis,

Nancy Wilt

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A June Whitehurst Memory

On a recent call with June Whitehurst she related a story that few will ever have heard.

June was working in DC when she enlisted and as one of the very first to enlist, was placed in the office of Col Ruth Cheney Streeter, Director of Women Marines. June and a few other women enlistees reported without uniforms or boot camp training, but they had the office skills needed for the Director's office.

Previously when speaking of this early assignment in Colonel Streeter's office, June also told how these few new women Marines had problems entering HQMC without uniforms.

That problem was solved when Col Streeter had arm bands made for each of her staff women. These Navy blue 4-5 inch wide bands had the words United



Boxing match on board a ship carrying women Marines to Hawaii in early 1945.

KY-1 Chapter Announces Essay Contest

Submitted by Mary Broussard

KY-1, Winning Colors is raising funds to assist an active duty WMA member to attend the 2016 Convention and Professional Development Conference in Portland. Our members who have attended have found that the increasing number of active duty women attending have enhanced the convention for all the attendees. Although the USMC publishes an ALMAR authorizing attendance, funding has become scarce and many of those attending have done so with their own funds. With that in mind, we want to offer a scholarship to a Marine who otherwise could not afford to attend. We are conducting an essay contest to select a winner. Up to \$750 will be paid directly to the convention and/or hotel for the winner.

This is a good time to thank all of the active duty Marines who have attended past conventions, especially those of you made the financial sacrifice to attend without command sponsorship. We appreciated your camaraderie and support of our goals and hope you can continue to attend future. Details of the scholarship and an entry form are below:

Essay – 250 typed words explaining why WMA is relevant to today's Marine Corps

Deadline – entry must be postmarked by 1 February 2016.

Leave Authorization - winner must have authorization for leave during the period of the convention – 21-26 July 2016. We will provide a letter with detailed information about convention and professional development classes.

Funding - scholarship is intended to cover registration, convention meals and accommodations. This is based on a double occupancy room rate.

Winner's financial responsibility - winner is expected to have sufficient funds for any additional costs beyond the \$750 limit such as travel, meals not included in the convention package and personal incidentals.

Command Sponsorship - if the winner is funded all or in part by command, scholarship amount will be adjusted and/or an alternate will be selected. We encourage all entrants to first request their command to pay for all or part of attendance (travel or per diem) which would allow us to partially fund another active duty Marine.

Attendance - winner must attend the full convention, including WMA business meetings, meals, all of the professional development classes and fulfill all other requirements of active duty participants. Details will be published in WMA's *'Nouncements* and/or furnished to the winner for her command as soon as available.

Deadline for Entries: 1 February 2016

KY-1 Essay Contest Entry Form

Mail with your essay postmarked **no later than 1 February 2016** to:

**WMA KY-1
4500 Dakin Court
Louisville KY 40299**

(Please Print)

Full Name: _____ Rank: _____

Mail Address: _____ City _____ St: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home or Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Would this be your first WMA Convention ? Yes _____ No _____

If you answered No to the above, were you command sponsored? Yes _____ No _____

Duty Station Info:

(Person who authorizes leave)

OIC Name and Rank _____

Mail Address: _____ Work Phone: _____

I have asked for leave including travel time to attend the convention Yes _____ No _____
(Convention starts with dinner on 21 July and ends with a dinner the evening of 26 July)

*I have asked/will ask the Command to sponsor all or part of the cost Yes _____ No _____

Note: ALMAR may not be out at the time of first publication



WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION NOMINATION FORM • 2016-2018 TERM

Nomination for the Office of: _____

Nominee Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email Address: _____

Chapter membership: _____ Resides in Area: _____

Life or Term member: _____

Comments: _____

I verify that this nominee is a member of WMA and will accept the nomination.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Submit each nomination on a separate form, **prior to 15 March 2016.**

Mail to:

Kathy Sheppard
6715 Monarch Park Dr.
Apollo Beach, FL 33572



PLATOON
4022

Senior Drill Instructor
STAFF SGT. RIVERA

Molly Marine
PFC. MISTY EDWARDS

**MOLLY MARINE
PAPA COMPANY**

JUNE, 30, 2015

GUEST SPEAKER:
MRS. SERENITY BUTTON

PLATOON
4023

Senior Drill Instructor
SGT. KISNAK

Molly Marine
PFC. DOMINIQUE A. SHARP

Loyal Escorts President's Message

Arrive early, or stay late; Portland offers a lot of beauty to take in.



Portland 2016

I am definitely looking forward to the Convention in Portland next year. There is definitely a lot to do, and with the public transportation available in the area, you can do just about anything.

The Red Lions Hotel at Jantzen Beach was able to drop me off at the local public transportation station. I downloaded the app for the public transportation, and paid \$5 for all day travel around Portland. Otherwise, it's \$2.50 for 2 hours. Trust me, there's so much to see, that it's better to get the all-day pass.

I took a tour of the Columbia River Gorge, and visited the Multnomah Falls. Thanks to Heidi Tanada for taking us out. Your hospitality was great, and your love for your state and Portland are evident. I highly recommend checking out the local attractions.

Arrive early, or stay late. There is a lot of beauty to take in. My only regret? Not making it to the ocean. I hope I will have the time next year to do just that!

Articles for LE Newsletter

As I have mentioned previously, we are looking to hear more about Loyal Escort members who really stand out in your chapters.

The intent is to create a Loyal Escort Newsletter that gets sent out electronically to our many members.

I do not get a lot of participation, even though I know we have some of the best members out there, doing what needs to be done, and standing out as they volunteer and work with their local chapters.

So I'd like to take this opportunity to add a new part of my article that will high-

light the best article I have received for the quarter.

Once articles are sent in about a single member, or a chapter's event that includes a few, or many Loyal Escorts, I will judge, either by myself, or with the help of my board, which one was outstanding, and deserves special recognition in 'Nouncements. If you have a story you want to share, or a Loyal Escort Member you wish to recognize for outstanding service, you can send me the article to: president@loyalescorts.org.

Marlene Toward – DC-1

Have you ever met someone who you feel like you've known for a very long time? Most of the DC-1 members and



A VERY Loyal Escort: DC-1 Loyal Escort Marlene Toward.

loyal escorts must certainly feel that way about DC-1 Loyal Escort Marlene Toward.

For years, we've all oohed and aahed over Marlene's generously donated patriotic, artsy eye-catching handmade dolls, figurines, crafts, and cards.

Marlene is a longtime friend of DC-1 member Lois Beadling. Originally from Arlington, VA, Marlene describes Lois as

the first "real Marine" she met.

Lois and Marlene first met in 1968 at the Pentagon when Lois was an instructor for the federal employee orientation and a shorthand refresher course. Lois took Marlene under her wings like a daughter and Marlene has never forgotten that after all of these years.

She recalls being 18 and no place to live when Lois trusted her – a young 18 year old – signed a lease for her because Marlene had no credit at that age. Even though she paid her back every dime, she says she will always be in her debt for being there for her when she needed someone the most.

Lois' act of kindness created the path for Marlene to complete a 38-year career working for the Department of Defense.

On September 11, 2001, Marlene worked one floor down from where the airplane flew into the Pentagon. As soon as she and her staff evacuated leaving everything behind, the entire floor she and her colleagues stood just minutes before totally collapsed.

Marlene stayed on with DoD until January 2006 when she retired and moved to Port Orange, Florida. She says she has thoroughly enjoyed retirement in the Sunshine State.

Marines are near and dear to Marlene's heart. Her brother Ronald Toward, went to Marine Corps boot camp during July 1968.

After completing his training, he was sent to Vietnam and subsequently killed in action.

We salute Marlene for her kindness to the Women Marines Association over the years and for being a very LOYAL Escort to DC-1!

**Michael Pearce, President
Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter**

Loyal Escort Lanyards Still Available! Price is \$8.50 (includes shipping)

Send Check or money order to Loyal Escorts, c/o Mike Pearce, P.O. Box 590, Romeo, MI 48065

Application for membership in Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter

The Auxiliary of the Women Marines Association

LOYAL ESCORT MEMBER APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:			
Date of birth:	Phone:	Cell:	
Current address:			
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
Email:			
New	Renew	Reinstated	Life (Sponsor must be Life member)
SSN# (last 4 digits only)			
2 yr \$30 Life 40 and under - \$180 41-45 - \$150 46-60 - \$130 61-70 - \$105 71-80 - \$80 81+ \$55			

SPONSOR INFORMATION

WMA Sponsor Name:	Recruited by:
Chapter Affiliation:	
Do you live with sponsor? Y N	Sponsor Life Member # if applicable

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name of a relative not residing with you:		
Address:	Phone:	
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Relationship:		

SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE

Name:		
Date of birth:	Email:	Phone:

SERVICE INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE

Dates of Service	
Branch:	How long?
MOS	Duty Stations:

ABOUT MYSELF

How did you hear about the Loyal Escorts?	Recruited By:
Would you like to get your copy of WMA 'Nouncements electronically via email? ___ Yes ___ No	

SIGNATURE

Signature of member: _____ Date: _____

Make checks payable to **Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter**
Mail to: Michael Pearce, 1645 E. Madge Ave., Hazel Park, MI 48030

Join or Renew Your Membership Today!

WMA NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name:

Current Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Date of Birth:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

SSN:

ALTERNATE ADDRESS INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

E-mail:

Reason for Alternate:

Start Date:

Stop Date:

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name of a relative not residing with you:

Address:

Phone:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Relationship:

SPOUSE INFORMATION

Name:

Date of Birth:

E-mail:

Phone:

MILITARY INFORMATION

When Served:

Name (s) Served Under:

Maiden Name:

Plt. and Series:

MOS:

Molly Marine: ☐ Y ☐ N

RMD PREFERENCES

After 2012 the Resource and Member Directory (RMD) will be sent in CD format. If you prefer another format please check below.

☐ Electronic copy

☐ Hard Paper copy

One only

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION ____ NEW ____ RENEWAL ____ REINSTATEMENT

☐ **2 Year Membership \$40**

Life Membership: Pick One

Chapter Name if Known:

☐ Age 30 & Under **\$295** ☐ 31-39 **\$260** ☐ 40-49 **\$210**

Enrolled by/How did you hear about WMA:

☐ 50-59 **\$180** ☐ 60-65 **\$150** ☐ 66 & Older **\$120**

SIGNATURE AND VERIFICATION

By my signature, I verify that all information contained within is correct and that I am eligible to apply having served or honorably serving in the United States Marine Corps.

Signature of applicant:

Date:

Effective July 1, 2010 Revised

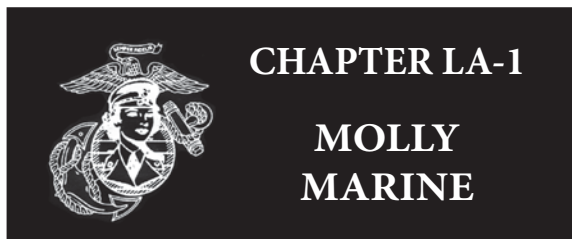
Fill in application, print and mail with payment to:
Women Marines Association • P.O. Box 377
Oaks, PA 19456-0377

WMA National Merchandise Sales - Your Purchases Support Our Association!

WMA Patch, large \$10.00
WMA Pin, Life Call for pricing
WMA Flag Call for pricing
WMA Afghan Throw \$55.00

WMA Afghan Throw \$55.00
WMA Drawstring Bag \$10.00
WMA Briefcase Bag \$25.00

NEW ITEM! Chapter 1.25" x 3.00"
name tag with magnetic or pin on
back; forest green background with
white text - \$10.00 each



WMA Cover (4-6 week delivery) – Call for pricing

Chapter designation: ____ - ____

Example: CA-1 (4 spaces only except for USA 1, 2, 3)

Size: (1" above ears – allow for hair style)

20-1/2 - 20-7/8 ...XSm

22-3/4 - 23-1/8...L

21-1/4 - 21-5/8 ...Sm

23-1/2 - 23-7/8...XL

22 - 22-3/8 ...M

24-1/4 - 24-5/8...XXL

Make All Checks Payable to WMA and mail to:

Texas Chapter 2, Women Marines Association

P.O.Box 1821, Pasadena, TX 77501 • sales@womenmarines.org

Contact: **Karen Beatty** • (281)487-8205

WMA Chapter Merchandise Sales

Send chapter ads to Wanda Antoine, 117 Silent Country, Cibolo, TX 78108 (228) 243-3845, Editor@womenmarines.org.

IMPORTANT, PLEASE NOTE: When WMA sales items are no longer available, please notify Wanda so they can be removed.

Books

Item: Not "Just Another Cookbook" More than 100 recipes
by food grouping. Size: 6"x9"

Cost: \$5.75 (includes shipping) Chapter: NC-1

Contact: Naomi Malone, 218 Sunset Rd., Jacksonville,
NC 28546-7045 (910) 545-7154 nmalone@ec.rr.com



Item: Women Marines Padfolio

Cost: \$28.50 to include shipping and handling.

They really are great. It zips all the way around, has a pocket on the outside and several on the inside zippered one on the inside. Writing pad is included. Logo is large and it looks great.

Contact: WMA MI-2 Motor City, PO Box 590, Romeo, MI 48065

Cards

Item: WMA Postcard - 5 1/2" x 4 1/4" Wide green stripe top & left margins.
WMA logo in upper left corner

Cost: 10 for \$1.60; 15 for \$2.10;
20 for \$2.60 (prices include P&H)

Checks: CA-7, WMA Chapter: EMVSC CA7 WMA

Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Drive,
Oceanside, CA 92056-4011
(760) 724-9861

Item: "Parris Island: A Woman's Memoir of
Marine Corps Boot Camp"

Signed copy by author Lisa Cordeiro

Cost: \$16.95 (\$3.95 shipping)

Chapter: MA-1

Contact: Lisa Cordeiro,
35 Berkeley St.,
Watertown, MA 02472
or order online at
www.lisacordeiro.com



**Your Purchases Support Our Association
and Chapters, so ...
Please Buy Something!**

WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE SALES

Candy

Item: WMA & Letting 3" Insignia/Logo
Green, White, Milk Chocolate or Special Order

Cost: Singles\$1.50
Box of 8\$6.50
Box of 15\$13.50
Mints Box of 12\$10.50

Item: WMA Mint 1" round Insignia/Logo
Green, White, Milk Chocolate or Special Order

Singles\$1.50
Box of 12\$10.50

Chapter: CA-11 – Central Coast

Contact: Soledad Kennedy, 4062 Capella Street, Lompoc, CA 93436

Fax/Office: (805) 733-2175 Cell: (805) 588-0650 centralcoastwomenmarines.com
usmcrfemale@yahoo.com



Shirts and Sweats

Item: Golf shirt Dark (Hunter) Green with WMA logo (matches green covers) embroidered in white. Available in sizes (S) to (XXL)
Red and also Khaki solid polo shirts. WMA notation spelled out under acronym.

Cost: \$28.00 (includes postage) Chapter: VA-1 Crossroads
Make checks payable to: WMA, VA-1
Contact: Dorothy Gordon, 93 High Ridge Dr. Stafford, VA 22554

Item: White golf shirt with embroidered green WMA logo circled by the phrase, "More Than A Woman A Woman Marine"

Cost: All sizes (S) to (XXXL) \$28.00 (price includes shipping)
Make Checks payable to: WMA, OR-1
Contact: Heidi Tanada, 17103 S.W. Eldorado Dr. Tigard, OR 97224-2075

Item: Light gray t-shirt with small green WMA logo on front and large logo on back; both circled by the phrase, "More Than A Woman A Woman Marine"

Cost: Sizes (M) to (XXXL) \$16.00 (price includes shipping)
Make Checks payable to: WMA, OR-1
Contact: Heidi Tanada, 17103 S.W. Eldorado Dr. Tigard, OR 97224-2075

Item: A dult, Youth & Infant/Toddler Shirts, 3 embroidery options, prices include shipping.

		Short Sleeved T-Shirt (S-XL)
		\$18.00
	Ladies Polos (S-XL)	(2XL) \$20.00
	\$30.00	(3XL) \$22.00
	(2XL) \$32.00	(4XL) \$24.00
Adult	(3XL) \$34.00	(5XL) \$26.00
	(4XL) \$36.00	
	(5XL) \$38.00	

Youth Youth Polo (S-XL) \$22.00 Short Sleeved Tee (S-XL) \$15

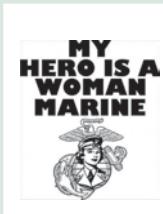
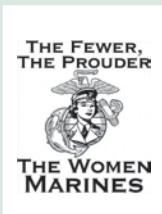
Infant/Toddler: Please contact for availability and prices

Embroidery Options:

Option 1:

Option 2:

Option 3:



Website: <http://wmaor3.wix.com/shirts>

Contact: Stephanie Wilcox at (541) 554-6015 or email swilcox818@yahoo.com for more information.

Contact: Make checks payable to WMA OR-3 and mail to: Stephanie Wilcox 336 S.71st St, Springfield, OR 97478; call (541) 554-6015 or email or-3@comcast.net for information.

Item: 4th BN Shirts Unisex cut. Cost: \$23.50 each. Sizes M, L, XL, 2X. Crew neck unisex. Send your check our money order to WMA Motor City PO Box 590, Romeo, MI 48065. Specify size and color. Comes in Black and Burgundy. Large logo on back and small crest on front.

Item: Ladies cut TShirt with V neck. Logo in Hunter Green. Cost: Shirts are \$23.50 with shipping and handling. Make checks or money orders made out to WMA Motor City, PO Box 590, Romeo, MI 48065. Sizes are S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X State color. Comes in Vintage Khaki and gray. Specify color!

Tee Shirts with the WMA EGA Logo, center/front.

White with Green Logo and Women Marines Association around the top of the EGA Logo. Sizes available:

Specify - Med, Lg, XLg Cost : \$20 + \$5 S&H

Sweatshirts: 2XLg only available. White with Green image of 3 WMs from Charles Waterhouse's rendition.

Only 6 remaining in inventory and will *not* be re-ordered.
Cost: \$20 + \$5 S&H Please include phone number.

Check/Money Order payable to PA-2 Liberty Belles

Mail to: Kathy Van Gorder
584 Barrington Road
Collegeville, PA 19426
PH:610-489-3756



Item: Car Flag - WMA Logo
(Clips to car window)
Cost: \$10.00 plus \$6.00 shipping cost

Item: Table Flag - WMA Logo 4"x6" with stand

Cost: \$5.00 and shipping cost \$6.00

Chapter: CA-11 Central Coast

Contact: Soledad Kennedy, 4062 Capella Street, Lompoc, CA 93436

Fax/Office (805) 733-2175, Cell (805) 588-0650

Email: usmcrfemale@yahoo.com

website: www.centralcoastwomenmarines.com

Item: Apron, Short - Three pockets, White with WMA Logo

Cost: \$10.00 and shipping cost \$6.00

Chapter: CA-11 Central Coast

Contact: Soledad Kennedy, 4062 Capella Street, Lompoc, CA 93436

Fax/Office (805) 733-2175, Cell (805) 588-0650

Jewelry

Item: WMA Logo Earrings

Cost: \$10.00/pair (includes shipping)


Chapter: Make checks payable to: TX-3, WMA

Please designate one: ☐ Wire/Dangle ☐ Clip-on

Contact: Trish Martin, 7026 Seidel Rd., San Antonio, TX 78209
(210) 824-8441



WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE SALES

Item: Charm "Semper Par" 

Cost: \$15.00

Chapter: Lady Marine Rose (OR-1)

Contact: Heidi Tanada, 17103 SW Eldorado Dr., Tigard OR 97224-2075.

Item: WMA Ring. Jeweler - Jostens

Cost: Lustrium (non precious white) \$181.00

Questra (non precious gold) \$218.00

10 Karat Yellow Gold \$325.00

14 Karat Gold \$395.00 (Cost includes three initials inside ring & shipping)

Note: Include ring size and phone number when ordering

Chapter: FL-7 First Coast

Contact: Gayle Plant, President FL-7, PO Box 463, Keystone Heights, FL 32656; (352) 473-7826

Item: WMA Pendant on chain Size: 7/8 inches round

Item: WMA Lapel Pin Size: 7/8 inches round

Cost: \$19.75 each (including shipping)

Chapter: FL-7 First Coast

Contact: Gayle Plant, President FL-7, PO Box 463

Keystone Heights, FL 32656; (352) 473-7826

Miscellaneous Items

Item: USMC Sun catchers (also have other military branches)

Cost: \$5.00 each

Size: 4" round w/suction hanger Chapter: CA-15

Contact: Pat Murray, 40701 Rancho Vista #92

Palmdale, CA 93551 (661) 718-8324

Item: Travel neck pouch, black w/two zippered sections

on one side with clear section on reverse with WMA logo; adjustable strap; size 6-1/2"x4-1/2"

Cost: \$5.00 each (includes shipping)

Chapter: NM-1 (checks payable to payable to WMA-Chapter NM1)

Contact: Stella Delgado-Kinnison, 204 General Patch NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123

Item: WMA Logo Magnet. Ideal for gift. Size 2" long, 1 1/2" wide

Cost: \$2.00 includes postage Chapter: NJ-2

Contact: Lorraine Nankivell, PO Box 208, 38 Point Pleasant Rd, Hopatcong, NJ 07843-0208

Item: New aluminum license plate in distinctive RED

Item: WMA Umbrella, green with WMA logo,

Automatic Open Button Size: Collapsed 15 inches long, open 21 inches long and 36 inches wide

Cost: \$17.75 (includes shipping) Chapter: FL-7 First Coast

Contact: Gayle Plant, President FL-7, PO Box 463, Keystone Heights, FL 32656 (352) 473-7826

Item: WMA logo Rubber Stamps

Cost: Large stamp: \$11.00 (includes mailing) Small stamp: \$8.00 (includes mailing) Chapter: CA-7 Checks to: EMVSC CA7 WMA

Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056-4011 (760) 724-9861

Item: Clear Vinyl Bag with Long Zipper, WMA Logo Women Marines Association. Green/White Size: 9" x 12"

Cost: \$6.25 (includes shipping) Chapter: NC-1

Contact: Naomi Malone, 218 Sunset Rd., Jacksonville, NC 28546-7045 (910) 545-7154 nmalone@cc.rr.com

Item: Mouse Pad, 7" x 8", white background, WMA logo, "The Few, The Proud" in green Cost: \$10 Chapter: Bay State, MA-1

Checks: Payable to Bay State Chapter, WMA

Contact: Joyce Barden, 56 Poor Street, Andover, MA 01810

Item: Molly Marine picture, 8" x 10"

Cost: \$12 each (includes shipping) Chapter: AR-1

Contact: Vickie Davis, Treasurer, AR-1, 415 Maryland St. Benton, AR 72015

Item: Handmade soy wax candles (Lavender, White Tea and Ginger, Rose, Lemon and Lovespell)

Cost: 9 oz. \$10 (plus \$5 Shipping); 16 oz. \$15 (plus \$5 Shipping)

(Two candles or more contact Bonniesbunch@yahoo.com or Rosa_rmr@yahoo.com for correct shipping)

Checks: WMA-Phyllis Alexander Chapter: SC-1

Contact: Rosa Robertson, WMA, P.O. Box 5296, Parris Island, SC 29905 (or via email)

Item: "Proud To Be A Marine" ribbon magnet, 8"x 3"

Cost: \$6 each (includes postage)

Checks: Payable to EMVSC CA-7 WMA

Contact: Lillian Cross, 3122 Morningside Drive,

Oceanside, CA 92056-4011

(760) 724-9861

Item: "Koozie" Bottle or Can size sleeve for sweat absorption, foldable foam, green, with WMA logo in white on one side, other side in white letters: "No Sweat, the WOMEN Marines are on duty" Cost: \$4.00 each, or 20 for \$75.00 (Price includes shipping)

Contact: Kathy Van Gorder, 584 Barrington Rd., Collegeville, PA 19426

e-mail: VanGorders2@aol.com Fax: 610-489-4383

Item: Bumper sticker, The Few, The Proud, The Women Marines

Cost: \$1.50 each (Price includes shipping) Chapter: NM-1 (checks payable to WMA-Chapter NM1)

Contact: Stella Delgado-Kinnison, 204 General Patch NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123.

Item: EGA Zipper Pull (1 inch EGA, 2 inch total length), \$6.00 EGA Yellow Ribbon Lapel Pin (1 inch length) \$5.00, Marine Mascot Christmas Ornament (red ribbon, 2.5 inches in length) \$8.00, EGA Christmas Ornament (red ribbon, 2.5 inches in length) \$8.00, Red EGA Necklace (chain, 18 inches in length) \$10.00.

(Plus \$3.00 USPS shipping per above items)

Chapter: MN-1 Minnesota Leathernecks (make checks payable to MN-1)

Contact: Mary McGee, 2652 Marshall St NE #301, Minneapolis, MN 55418

(612) 788-1216 or Vicki Latiolais, 7940 Fairfield Road North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55444 (763)560-6401 vlatiolais@comcast.net

Item: "Woman Marine" Ribbon Magnet, 8" x 4"

Cost: \$7.00 (includes shipping & handling)

Chapter: OH-2 Chesty Puller

Contact: Ellen Leidy, 1107 Columbus Ave., Barberton, OH 44203

(330) 825-8935 email: leidyrun@aol.com

Item: This item has been officially licensed by the US Marine Corps.

Item: Ornament "The Fewer" Size 2 3/8" x 3 1/8" Limited 3-D, only 300 minted, 24 Karat Gold on Brass

Cost: \$29.75 (Includes Shipping).

Portion of proceeds go to "Paws and Strips".

Cost: 24 Karat Gold on Brass \$29.75 (includes shipping)

Portion of proceeds go to "Paws and Stripes".

Make Money Order or Cashier Check to: Katherine M. Lorenz Townsend

Chapter: TX-1 "The Lone Star State"

Contact: Katherine M. Lorenz Townsend and mail to: 4025 Tortoise Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76135

Orders can now be placed on line using a credit card at:

www.womenmarineskeepsake.com

Item: Beautiful bag in an off white with logo in hunter green. Very sturdy.

Cost: \$18.50 including shipping.

Chapter: Make checks out and mail to WMA Motor City, PO Box 590, Romeo, MI 48065

Item: Fallen Warrior Coin Honoring the memory of fallen Warriors

Cost: \$15 inc/Shipping and handling.

Chapter: Check or M/O to WMA Motor City Box 590, Romeo, MI 48065

All proceeds go to the Fallen Warrior Scholarship programs.

Acceptance of an advertisement for printing in 'Nouncements in no way endorses, nor does it indicate approval of the quality of the product. All local and state taxes, including any licenses, are the responsibility of the chapter submitting the ad. A percentage of profits from the sale of merchandise advertised on these pages must go to a chapter in order to be listed here.

Don't Miss Out on These New Chapter Merchandise Items!



Thermal bags

12 inches tall X 11 inches wide and 8 inches deep.
Great size for shopping.
Zipper closure, nice long handles for easy carrying.
Sells for \$6/ea (plus \$2 postage) or \$30/6 (plus \$5 postage)
Contact: TX-2
WMA, TX-2,
P.O. Box 1821
Pasadena, Texas 77501

Dog tags

Come in a variety of colors, and with a variety of sayings: "Fewer... Prouder..."
"Not all women wore love beads in the 60's and 70's"
Light weight aluminum with laser printed verbiage.
Cost = \$3/ea (postage included)
(May be ordered in large quantity, with *your* wording.
Inquire for special pricing.)
Contact: TX-2
WMA, TX-2,
P.O. Box 1821
Pasadena, Texas 77501



Hand Carved Sea Shells

Each shell is unique and one of a kind, since each shell is an unique color and no two are the same.
Hand carved by artist sisters Silvia and Elva of San Diego Arts for the Women Marines.
Cost: \$15 includes shipping & Handling
Chapter; CA-8
Contact Sybl Acree, 5015 Pedley Rd.
Riverside, CA 92509, syblee@att.net
(951) 231-4531



Flip Flops

Created especially for Women Marines!
The left shoe is yellow, and is labeled "Recruit" - The right shoe is red, and is labeled "Marine"
The flip flops come in two sizes - Large and Medium.
Cost - \$15/pr (plus \$3 postage)
WMA, TX-2,
P.O. Box 1821
Pasadena, Texas 77501

100th Anniversary of Parris Island... Let's Be There!

PISC is celebrating their 100th Anniversary of training men and women to be Marines. On 15-16 October 2015, there will be special events, that are being planned now, to celebrate the history of PI since their existence. One of these events is the re-dedication of the Molly Marine statue, scheduled to take place at 1530 on Friday, October 16. Link at: <http://www.mcrdpi.marines.mil/centennialcelebration>

Women started training there in 1949, so it is part of our history also. We should all consider attending this event, if possible. Four of our members: Angie Hanson (DC-1), Doris Keane (TN-1), Elaine May-Stem (DC-1) and Lynn Gaudrone (CA) are celebrating their 50th year they graduated from boot camp. They are returning to the place that shaped their future during this special time to be acknowledged at a ceremony.



If there are any other WMA members, who graduated during 1965 and are attending, please contact Elaine May-Stem, SgtMaj, Retired at:
[Cell] 443-340-8017 or E-mail elainemaystem@gmail.com, and give her your information (Name, state chapter, platoon and graduation date).



Smiles on the deck at the Red Lion in Portland, Oregon. See you in 2016!



Mountain view from the Red Lion.



Thanks to the Board Members and Representatives who attended the Interim Board Meeting (IBM) August 1-2, 2015 in Portland, Oregon.

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